

FRANKLIN PROVED.

HON. THE COUNTY

SHERIFF'S RETURN

A Forged Return Substituted

For a Genuine One.

THE TOWN CLERK OF SOMER

VILLE CONFESSES

FORGERY.

And Says He Did It By Or-

ders from Augusta.

BY TELEGRAPH.

AUGUSTA.

THE COMMITTEE REVIS-

THE MILITIA LAWS.

Another Batch of Fusion Let-

ters Found.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE VALU-

ATION COMMISSION.

(Special Dispatch to the Press.)

AUGUSTA, Feb. 18.—A charter is asked of the Legislature for the National Bell Telephone Company to operate lines in this State.

The incorporators named are Chas. B. Gardner, Payson Tucker and Franklin T. Rollins.

The capital stock is to be fixed by the company.

The Atrocity commission resolves calling for

proposals were generally attacked in the House to-day.

The committee appointed for the revision of

the militia laws are now quietly attending to their duties in the room underneath the Adjutant General's office.

The members of the committee are Gen. Chas. W. Tilden, Col. Joseph B. Peakes, Lieut. Col. Daniel White, Lieut. Col. John M. Brown and Maj. Frank E. Nye.

The committee on temperance will give a

public hearing to-morrow evening. Remarks will be made by men prominent in temperance

reform and measures for the better enforcement of the liquor law, providing an adequate constabulary, and prohibiting the traffic in

Lamon, one of the Fusion Senators from

Waldo, has decided at last, not to take his seat, and his place will be filled by other appointments. It is understood that his seat will not be declared vacant.

The finance committee will report an

appropriation of \$18,000 to pay the expenses incurred by Gov. Garcelon, Gen. Chamberlain and Gov. Davis in preparing for the celebration of the centennial of the State in the late conspiracy.

Most of the expense was incurred by the present administration, came into power.

The entire cost of the military will be about \$8000.

This includes pay, rations, transportation, and clothing in arms throughout the State. This amount covers all expenses for military purposes.

The legislative hall and party given in honor of

the Governor, will take place at Granite Hall, March 4th. The committee on the arrangements are as follows: Messrs. Smith, Hayes and Hill of the Senate, and Messrs. Curtis, Ingalls, Lord of Standish, Hutchinson, Milten, Gilman, Stinson and Hill of the House.

It is expected to be a gala day.

The testimony of A. B. Bowler, the town clerk of Somerville, to-day, before the

investigating committee on election returns is the sunnier of all other evidence which will state the people and show the infamous and fraudulent transactions which have taken place to steal the State. His testimony that he changed the returns at the request of the

comptroller, in order to defeat Smith, the Republican senator of Lincoln County, and elect

Hobson, was corroborated by the testimony of the committee of his own party, and tells his story in a straightforward manner. The Fusionists are so near the end of the situation, and wonder where the lightning

is to strike next.

Another batch of letters has been returned

which implicate well-known Fusionists in the doctored returns and getting up affidavits.

Some of these letters which come from the western part of the State, will be published shortly in the Free Press.

The State valuation commission to-day

adopted a series of rules for their proceedings under which their meetings will be held daily, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M. A majority of

the commission will constitute a quorum. Standing committee will be appointed on

manufactures, banks, insurance companies, railroad and telegraph companies, mining lands, wild and timber lands, farming lands, and real estate, and live stock.

The first work of the commission will be to

proceed to the valuation of the property of the several cities and towns with a view to their tabulation. A form was ordered for tabulating returns and 500 copies ordered printed.

Each commission will have a special charge

of the correspondence and evidence from several towns in the county from which he was appointed.

The committee on returns of towns reported the names of 176 towns which have not made

returns, or whose returns were partially complete.

It was ordered that notice be given, to cities and towns which have been delinquent in

making returns to forward forthwith to the commission the original or copies of the poll lists and valuation lists duly certified and sworn to by the assessors for the years 1877-8-9.

Lewis Selbinger of this city has been appointed messenger to the commission.

THE PRESIDENCY.

Grant Delegates Chosen.

BUTTS, Feb. 18.—The second annual assembly of the Grant delegates.

The Massachusetts Delegate Convention

of the Republican state committee at a meeting this afternoon selected Hon. Henry L. Davis to preside, and John F. Barry to be chairman of the committee on resolutions. This body of

the committee will be the same as in the convention of 1876.

A Resolution Against the Third Term

introduced in the New York Legislature.

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—A resolution was offered in the Assembly to-day, declaring against the third term and instructing Congressmen from New York to support an amendment to the Constitution limiting the President to only one person to two terms. Lieut. David

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Boston Walking Match.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—At the end of the second day of the twenty hour foot-race, the

contestants were exhausted.

THE LEGISLATURE.

AUGUSTA, Feb. 18.

A petition was presented to the Legislature by Messrs. Hayes and others for a charter for a long

driving company on Pond River.

Remonstrances were offered against the

repeal of the porgio law.

A bill was presented to further provide for

the safety of travel on railroads. It prohibits

orderly or riotous conduct and profane

swearing on trains and gives power to conductors

to temporarily arrest persons guilty of such

breaches of the peace and hold them in custody

until they are placed in the hands of officers

of the law.

The bill to abolish the Maine police court

was amended and then passed.

The resolve providing for the purchase of

Maine State Year Book, pending its passage

was engrossed and tabled on motion of Smith

of Lincoln County.

The consolidation school bill, pending its

passage to be engrossed was tabled on motion

of Ellis of Waldo.

Legislation in expedient was reported on

concerning the amendment to the constitution

so that the right of suffrage shall be limited to

those who can read and write.

A bill was reported incorporating the Ragged

Lake Morris Company. Incorporates John

Dorron, Elbridge H. Hastings, Eben S. Cox,

Samuel P. Strickland and Sumner F. Blake.

An order of inquiry was passed authorizing

changes in the law relating to attachments of

property.

House.

A bill was presented to amend the law

in actions involving contracts made on Sun-

day. Provides that no person who receives

money or valuable thing as the consideration

for a contract, express or implied, made and

entered into on Sunday, shall be permitted to

defend any action upon such contract on the

ground that it was so made and entered into

on Sunday, until he shall restore such consid-

eration, so received. Referred to judiciary com-

mission.

A bill was presented to incorporate the Na-

tional Bell Telephone Co. Referred to judi-

ciary commission.

A bill was presented to amend section 16,

chapter 71 of the R. S. in relation to money or

property held in trust. Referred to committee

on legal affairs.

A bill was presented to incorporate the Deer

Isle and Green's Landing Telegraph Co. This

is a local enterprise in Hancock county.

An order of inquiry was adopted relating to

the capital stock of corporations formed under the

general law.

A brief discussion took place on resolve

appropriating \$100 for repair of a road in Ar-

roostock County, leading from Fish River Mills to

Arroostock. The vote was 17 yeas, 6 nays.

Favored by Mr. Dickey and opposed by Mr.

Hatch of Bangor, at whose instance it was

XIVth CONGRESS—1st Session.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.

The Vice President submitted a message

from the President, transmitting a report

relative to the claims before the American

Sovereignty Commission, and the proposed

amendment to the constitution.

He also submitted a communication from

the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting

information whether any members of the Indian

commission were interested in contracts.

Referred.

Bill to promote efficiency of the navy was

reported favorably and placed on the calen-

dar.

Bill in regard to gifts, bequests, etc., to

the United States was indefinitely postponed.

Bill for the appointment of stenographers in

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Boston Stock Market.

(State of the Boston Stock Market, Jan. 18.)

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